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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Yukitoshi Kato	)	Examiner: V. Nguyen
Application No.: 09/993,633	)	Confirmation No.: 8228
Filed: November 27, 2001	)	
For: INSTRUMENT FOR	)	
EXTROVERTING BLOOD VESSELS	)	
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**DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Examiner Nguyen telephoned the undersigned on March 11, 2005 to discuss a change to the above-identified application for purposes of placing the application in condition for allowance. The substance of the interview with Examiner Nguyen is set forth below.

Examiner Nguyen telephoned the undersigned to request a change in the dependence of Claim 7. Upon review, the undersigned noted an inadvertent typographic error in that Claim 7 should depend from independent Claim 21 rather than canceled independent Claim 1. The undersigned thus authorized Examiner Nguyen to change the dependency of Claim 7 from Claim 1 to Claim 21. Examiner Nguyen indicated that such amendment would be made by way of an Examiner's Amendment which would accompany the Notice of Allowability.

Should any questions arise in connection with this matter, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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